



# KOSA NEWS



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& Kingsfield Schools

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### **25th ANNIVERSARY...**

Here's the cake which was cut to celebrate KOSA's 25th Anniversary at the Lunch last October. The story of the development of KOSA is on page 21.

### **SOS...**

Kingsfield School is planning a visit to two schools in Kenya and they have hit problems with the fall in Sterling since booking. If you think that you can help please see the story and appeal on page 26.

### **KINGSFIELD NEWS...**

If you want to keep up with what the young people are up to at Kingsfield School, the 'wired ones' (those 'techies' on the internet and the web) can go to [www.kingsfieldschool.org](http://www.kingsfieldschool.org) where their website gives a wealth of information and shows what a lively school Kingsfield is.

'A rich and diverse place to work and learn'

### **DIARY DATES:**

#### **ANNUAL HOT BUFFET LUNCH & AGM:**

Booked for **SATURDAY, 10 APRIL 2010** at Lincombe Barn, Downend. We meet at 12 for a chat and a drink and a quick AGM at 12.30. We sit down for lunch at about 1.00pm. Fill in the enclosed form now and send it to our Treasurer, MARTIN HARRYMAN, 5 Brecon View, Bleadon Hill, Weston Super Mare, BS24 9NF Tel: 01934 812315. All cheques payable to 'KOSA'.

#### **46ers REUNION:**

The next lunch is on **SATURDAY, 22 MAY 2010** at KATHLEEN HARDWICK'S farm down in Clapton-in-Gordano. If you're a 46er and haven't attended yet, phone her on 01275 853180 or Mobile: 0783 7528427 or PRISCILLA POWELL now MAGUIRE on 0117 3593902. Beautiful spot, great occasion!

#### **ANNUAL AUTUMN LUNCH...**

Already booked for **SATURDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2010** at Lincombe Barn, Downend. Please book the date in your diary now.





### OBITUARIES...

KOSA Committee member PEGGY BOLT'S (38-43) husband, Gordon, passed away last November at the age of 82. He was in the residential home in Kingswood where he had been for some time. Gordon's health had steadily deteriorated after spells in hospital with a heart attack and a broken hip and although we may remember his attendances at the KOSA lunches with the aid of his Zimmer on wheels, latterly he had spent most of his time in a wheel chair, being unable to walk.



Gordon, although he didn't attend KGS, became a caretaker Chairman of KOSA when Peggy gave up the Chairmanship. Under our constitution he was made an honorary member and kept the show

going until we were able to appoint STAN BURRAGE (51-56) as our chairman at an AGM.

Gordon had a very active academic career. He was head of the Department of Business Studies, initially as Bristol Polytechnic, and latterly as the University of the West of England (UWE). He had degrees from the University of Bristol and the London University and he spent a year studying at Harvard in the USA. His specialism was in Marketing and he wrote a number of books on the subject and advised many companies on their marketing activities. He was awarded the MBE in 1990 for services to education and became one of the first Fellows of UWE in 1997.

ALAN OTLET (39-48), who passed away on 17 August 2009, came from a thoroughly KGS family. His brothers, DAVID and BOB, his sisters PEGGY (later Bolt) and DOREEN and his sisters-in-law, MARIAN OSBORNE and JILL STAPLES, all went to KGS.



At KGS Alan was awarded a County Major Scholarship, which enabled him to go to Bristol University where he gained his MB in 1952. Before that, *Kingswood Chronicles* reveals, he was awarded a number of form prizes.

After graduation, Alan went into the medical profession in which he enjoyed a distinguished career. He became a GP and worked at Southmead Health Centre for 40 years. It is said that he broke local records by delivering over 7,000 babies during his career. He received a number of awards for his contributions to medicine, including the Jubilee Medal in 1977 and the MBE in 1991.

Early in his career as a GP he had to visit a nunnery but was refused entry – he looked too young to be a doctor. At the BRI he was known by the nurses as 'The Professor'.

He was involved in a number of medical committees and was president of the Bristol Branch of the British Medical Association for 1990-91. He was awarded Fellowship of the BMA in 1993.

Outside of medicine Alan was a committed Christian, was a warden of Westbury Parish Church and was a member of several Bristol Masonic Lodges. He was also a keen gardener and fisherman.





Alan had 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and leaves his wife Ann, who was also in the medical profession.

BOB SLAVIN (48-54) died on 10 November 2009 after a long illness.

After leaving KGS Bob trained as an industrial chemist with National Smelting Company at Avonmouth, where at one stage Bob's boss was DEREK BAILEY (49-53). It may well have been the chemicals which Bob dealt with in his career which may have contributed towards the respiratory problems which eventually caused his death. Later on in life, Bob did a spell as a postman.



Using his chemical expertise Bob often made his own fireworks - known as 'Bob's Bangers'. He also wired up the bird feeder to the mains so as to zap the garden squirrels he regarded as pests!

Bob's taste in music ranged from *The Beatles* to what he described as 'proper' music such as *The Messiah*. He sang with the *Ridings Singers*, a group based at the Ridings School at Winterbourne, with his second wife Sylvia, whom he married two years ago. Bob had three children from his first marriage.

Bob was interested in ancient history and poetry and he often recited verses of poetry to test his memory. He was a regular at KOSA reunions which he attended with Sylvia. Bob was described at his funeral as a laid back character – a wonderful companion and friend who will be missed.

MARK ADAMS (51-56) has notified us of the death of contemporary, TONY FRY:

'It is with great sadness that I report the death on 17th October 2009 of TONY FRY (51-56). I had known Tony since we went to Junior School at Kingswood High Street. We were friends from the first year there, and this friendship carried on throughout our time at KGS. We did the usual things that many boys seemed to do in the early to middle 1950s. We played a lot of football, Tony was very good, being of a slim and wiry build he was an extremely fast mover; I could never keep up with him! He was also a keen engine spotter and we spent many happy hours at Mangotsfield Station with the rest of the 'Mangotsfield Mob' of those days.



'Not all the time was spent trainspotting, as there were other occupations to help pass the time. One of these was to slide down the hill on the sides of Anderson shelters. These were ideal for the pur-





pose, being made of corrugated iron and having a curved front. Six or seven passengers could ride, and they would 'bale out' just before the sled hit the wall alongside the railway. We went home many times with holes in our trousers due to the gradual wearing away of the metal.

'Tony was a bright chap, but he never had much time for learning as he wanted to spend as much time as possible in the open air. When he left school, he worked for the railways for a short time, but found the life somewhat restrictive and so he left to join an insulation company, where he mainly worked away from an office environment. He remained in this type of work for his whole life, although he moved to several different companies as time went on. His final employers being Hawkins Insulation in Bristol where he remained for 8 or 9 years before retiring.

'Tony was very much a 'laid back' type of person as can be seen from his hobbies during his later life. He and his wife Maureen, spent many happy times fishing on the Somerset levels, he fishing and Maureen reading. They also did a lot of bird watching especially at Shadwick Heath, near Cheddar. Another occupation he greatly enjoyed was walking, and he and Maureen walked a lot around this area and down on the Somerset levels.

'Tony suffered from cancer of the lungs no doubt caused by the asbestos used in many lagging products, and this caused him great difficulties over the last few years. However I always found him cheerful and good-natured whenever I saw him. He leaves his wife Maureen, a daughter Lorraine, who is a Ward Sister at the new Bristol Heart Institute, and Neil who is a schoolteacher in Kingswood, and also 2 grandsons. I send my condolences to them all.'

We have only just heard of the death of best-selling author, EILEEN WARNE (37-41) (later Jackson) in Ayr Hospital on Boxing Day 2006. BRIAN ILES (45-50) and his half-sister, JEAN ILES (later Ging) (37-41), who was her best friend, have provided the following summary of her life and work.

'Eileen was born in Kingswood in April 1926. The family moved to Downend, and later Eileen lived in Oxford, Salford, and a Regency cottage in Ayrshire, where she settled with her husband, John, in 1977.

'Although she giggled with Jean at the back of BONEY BRITTON'S English class, her childhood passion for writing (she sold her first tale at 9!) ought to have pleased him. He wouldn't have approved, however, of the short stories for confession magazines she went on to write for many years and he may not have thought much of the romantic and historical novels for the American market she turned to in the 70s (in the unlikely event he'd even heard of them!). Her hallmark of educated readability was in evidence by that time, and her talent, recognized by a London agent at the end of the decade, then began to shine in the UK and worldwide.

'This led to six long novels between 1987 and 1994, under her new pen-name, Elizabeth Warne, with titles like *Kissing Cousins*, *Wild Silk* and *The Impossible Dream*. Women's books, for sure, rags to riches sagas, with a trade mark interest in couture and décor, as well as family matters, and romance. They are great yarns about a wide variety of characters told with gusto in a down-to-earth, yet eloquent, style.

'But there's much more to them than this. The characters are not just lively: they





are believable, rounded people, living in the world as it is, and involved in the issues of the day. The background and the action may be a bit colourful at times, bowing to the requirements of the genre, but the drama is real, especially the clash between the classes which Eileen relishes so much. Her working class vernacular is brilliant. But she has a pretty good handle on the rest of society too – in her case the inhabitants of early twentieth century Bristol, where the six big novels are set. In some ways she resembles Catherine Cookson and like her she draws deeply from her own local past. Apart from all the familiar place-names, bosom-friend Jean recognizes more than one re-worked anecdote – though it seems that all things KGS have escaped the thrust of Eileen's pen!

ESME RIDGE (41-47) now Britton has informed us of the death of TONY PERDUE (40-47):

'I am sorry to tell you of the death of TONY PERDUE at the age of 80 after some years of deteriorating health. He was a long-standing supporter of KOSA, driving down from Chesterfield for our lunches year after year, until the onset of Alzheimer's disease, which eventually led to residential care.

'I Knew Tony well, both from our school-days and his life-long friendship with my late husband, Basil, which seemed to

flourish on huge arguments! Tony loved a good argument and at school he was always able to get one going!

'He would be the first to admit that he was not one of KGS's great academic successes. He was one of those people who found exams very hard to cope with, and in any case, his interests lay in other directions. He was keen on drama, music, art, books and the cut-and-thrust of debating – and arguing! His real hate was PE and anything to do with games, though in later life he became an expert Scottish dancer, finding a skill he didn't know he had.

'When he left the 6<sup>th</sup> Form he worked for a while in George's bookshop, a convenient spot for the exchange of news and gossip with all his old schoolmates who happened to call in. His next job was with Ashton Containers, where he later became Transport Manager and had a spell in Ireland.

'He moved to Chesterfield where he joined a firm of management consultants and finished his working life as a health and safety officer. It was in Chesterfield that he joined a Scottish dance group, where he met his wife, Jean, a teacher, and they married in 1968. They had many shared interests and the same sense of humour. They enjoyed a happy marriage until Jean died from cancer in 1990.

'Tony found it lonely in Chesterfield on his own. Jean's relations, and his, were not very near at hand, so when a friend suggested he went on a long cruise he took up the idea and went off to Australia. This opened a new life-style for him, as every year he had several weeks away in the Winter, cruising one way and flying the other, visiting his sister in Tasmania, touring round seeing other parts of Australia, and renewing old friendships with MARY MILES (42-49) (now





Bentley) in NSW. One year he visited friends of Jean's in Canada, where he caught up with MARY DAVIS (Clive) with whom he had always kept in touch.

'Tony looked back with pleasure on his schooldays and valued his old friends. He was an odd-ball character, amusing, infuriating, always late – a true non-conformist who found more and more interests as he got older. He even became a tolerable cook, which he never expected!'

Another good, old friend gone, and I for one will miss him.

MARGARET COUSINS (56-63) now Flood has informed KOSA of the death last year of her cousin COLIN WATKINS (42-51):

'Colin joined KGS from Downend C of E Primary School. Always a regular church-goer who sang in the church choir, the Vicar at Downend enquired whether he would like to go into the Church but Colin decided on a career in teaching.



'After 'A' levels and two years of National Service in 1953 he joined St Paul's College, Cheltenham reading Divinity and Primary Education. During their Rag Week at St Paul's he helped set up a blind dating agency organizing evening dances with the students from nearby St

Mary's College, all participants being charged a shilling to join up. Whilst at college he sang with the Madrigal Choir and College Chapel Choir.

'In 1955 he took his first teaching post held in Hertfordshire and two years later he moved back to Bristol initially to Kingswood Junior Boys School and then Blackhorse County Primary School.

'It was about this time he was introduced to Miss Jeanne Barrett who was teaching at the neighbouring Bromley Heath School. Colin and Jeanne got on well together and this was to be the start of a lifelong relationship treading the boards together. They were married at Christchurch, Downend in May 1961.

'They moved to Downend and in October 1962 Sarah was born and he made history by becoming the first man to witness the birth of his daughter at Wendover Hospital, but also being quickly ushered out before Matron did her nightly rounds. Alison arrived in June 1964.

'The family moved to Midsomer Norton where Colin became Deputy Head of the local primary school. Two years later in April 1967 he became the Head of Westbury-on-Severn C of E School and the family moved to nearby Lydney.

'In September 1974 Colin became Acting Warden of the Teacher Centre based in Cinderford where his role was to visit the schools and organise courses for the Primary and Secondary Teachers in the area. He then became Head of Fairford C of E Primary School and took over what looked like a ramshackle collection of temporary buildings. As this was the time of Concorde testing at the local base almost 400 pupils resulted. However, fourteen years were to elapse before the long-promised new school at Leafield Road was eventually built.





'The whole family became involved in the life of Fairford, participating in varied activities. Colin was in Fairford Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS) and he joined the Church Choir in 1982 with Jeanne. In December 1991 he retired and took to it 'like a duck to water' He finally had the time to indulge in his passions of Drama, Singing, Painting and Sculpting, Walking and Gardening. He also joined the University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A), notably participating in French Conversation, Keep Fit and the Walking group.

'He read stories to the Fairford Playgroup; acted Bible stories in School Assemblies and recorded excerpts from the Standard Newspaper with the Corinium Talking News (for the blind), and he visited a housebound 90 year old every week. The icing on the cake was the marriage of Sarah and the arrival of three grandsons.

'Following his loss of voice and the subsequent diagnosis of cancer in 2009, Colin had a lot to contend with which sadly affected many of the activities he had previously enjoyed. However, his sense of humour remained intact. Asked whether he wanted to get his affairs in order he replied 'No! I just want to know if I have got time to have an affair!'

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Since the last publication we have also been notified of the passing of CHRISTINE WELLS (44-48) (later Wadley), STEVE COOK (67-72), KATHLEEN BERRY (34-38) (later Ash), MARJORIE POWELL (33-38) (later Hobbs) and PAM SMITH (38?) (later Floramo), Massachusetts, USA.

We send our condolences to all the friends and relations of those who have passed on. We are sure that their lives would have been enriched by the education which they received in their youth at Kingswood Grammar School.

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DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53) (now Lindegaard) wrote about the Spring 2009 obituaries:

'I've just noticed the obituary for MAUREEN JONES (47-53) in the Spring edition. She was only a year or so older than me, which always makes me rather alarmed. I knew her slightly at school and was aware that she had become a professional singer. I last saw her on the Centre over 50 years ago wearing a hat and I remember being very impressed by her outfit and make up. She looked like a star. She gave me a little wave, so I felt like a fan.

'She had a glorious voice and I have a sneaking suspicion that in our KGS production of *Dido and Aeneas* she was chosen to play Belinda (the slave), the second female lead, as she was rather plump whereas ANN SLATER (*Dido*) was slim and willowy. However, as Maureen won the Kathleen Ferrier prize, it may have been she naturally sang alto and Ann soprano. Ann also had a good singing voice and both girls performed very well in difficult roles.

'It seems funny to think they were only 14 or 15 at the time. I can't remember the name of the teacher who took the part of Aeneas: appropriately he was a darkly handsome Latin type. The props department had done him proud. He entered grandly through the side door of the Hall in full Roman ensemble with a magnificent red plumed helmet on his head. He progressed slowly through the audience, singing as he went. The illusion was fabulous. Unfortunately, he was as flat as a pancake. What a let down!'

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#### SALVE MAGISTRA...

DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53) also remembers MISS DAVID, who taught Latin in the 40s and 50s:

'I was very sorry to hear of the death of MISS DAVID. She was an inspirational teacher and I have happy memories of





her Latin class. Unfortunately after a couple of terms, I was moved out of Miss David's class into one taken by MISS MORRISON. Latin was Miss Morrison's reserve subject: she usually taught gym and bounced around the school in daps and grey pleated shorts. She decided she had a cure for my scoliosis (a congenital curvature of the spine) and repeatedly she would tell me to "stand up straight" (impossible) and even wrote on my report "bad posture"!

'Miss David was different. When I started at KGS in 1948 we were still recovering from the war and clothes were rationed. In her knitted purple frock with its full swirly skirt Miss David brought a splash of colour into a very drab world. She was glamour personified. 'Salvete puellae et pueri' she would cry as she entered the room. 'Salve Magistra' the class would chorus dutifully in reply. At the end of the lesson if we were good - which we generally were, because her enthusiasm made Latin so interesting, she would read to us from *Victi - The Conquered* - Naomi Mitchison's story about the Roman occupation of Britain, the adventures of a centurion and his British slave. I never heard the end of the story then because I was moved into *purgatorio* with the aforementioned Fanny Morrison. Many years later I was in Fort William on holiday and came across the book in a second hand shop. I immediately bought it and rectified the situation and I have it on my shelves today.

You've probably guessed the outcome, too. I failed Latin 'O' Level. I retire this year and would like to retake it - perhaps in memory of the lovely Miss David. *Requiescat in Pace.*

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### *JOHN BELSTEN (48-54)...*

Also in the Spring 2009 edition we reported the passing of JOHN BELSTEN (48-54). We reported that John has completed a PhD from the University of Bath in

1967, which would have been in the early days of the University. The University has now recorded John's passing with a photograph taken when he was awarded his doctorate.



*Dr John Belsten*

### **Dr John Charles Belsten**

(PhD Chemistry 1967)

Dr John Charles Belsten received his PhD in 'Aspects of the Organic Chemistry of Fluorine' at the University of Bath in 1967.

He joined Proprietary Perfumes Ltd (now Quest International), Bermondsey in 1963, moving with them to Ashford, Kent the following year. Admitted to the Royal Society of Chemistry in 1968 and becoming a Fellow in 1975, his career concentrated on discovery chemistry for novel fragrance materials.

He retired from Quest in 1992 and died peacefully at Pilgrim's Hospice, Ashford, on 29 July 2008.

Having never married, John left most of his estate to cancer research and hospice organisations. He also donated his body to medical research. He bequeathed to the University a copy of his thesis and the sum of £5,000 to "assist students otherwise unable to study there."

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### *THAT STRIKE...*

BRIAN PERRY (45-50) remembered the strike started by JANET CREW (46-53):

'Thanks for the latest edition of KOSA NEWS, which I enjoyed very much, especially the article by Janet Crew regarding the strike.'







'This was in the old canteen (situated just inside the boys entrance gate) - how I remember that day as one of the pupils participating. I was in trouble at home though because my mother was one of the dinner ladies working in the canteen. Despite the publicity, the result was an improvement in the quality and quantity of food immediately.

'Another incident I recall in that canteen was one day when two twin boys (BUCKLEY) were messing about at lunch and one pushed the face of the other into a plate of chocolate blanc-mange - this resulted in 'BONEY' BRITTON grabbing the ears of both twins and marching them down the centre of the canteen, one in each hand and one with blancmange dripping from his face all the way. It took some time to restore order!'

#### *WINDSOR IN THE MIST...*

In the last edition we filled some surplus space with a photo of ROGER WINDSOR (55-60) on the Rugby field. Roger's brother-in-law, ROGER CARROLL (50-57) has put the record straight:

'How very appropriate to show a picture of 'that typical example of the Kingswood breed', Roger Windsor in Edition 35.

'Congratulations to Roger who has recently become President of Kingswood RFC, following in the footsteps of those doyens of our educational establishment, namely HEADMASTER RIDLEY and 'FISHY' SAMMONS (Chemistry).

'However, the reference to 'a lifetime of service to Kingswood Old Boys RFC now Kingswood RFC' is not entirely correct. During his misguided years Roger played at wing forward for the opposition at Barton Hill RFC. He's obviously been forgiven!'

Roger Windsor responds:

'Roger Carroll played outside half for the Old Boys during my Barton Hill days so I

chased him all over the pitch in our games together. I rarely caught him (with the ball) but I did catch and marry his sister MARY CARROLL (54-59). To complete the KGS quartet, Roger married RUTH OLDFIELD (56-62).'

#### *CONGRATULATIONS..!*

BRIAN ILES (45-50) was prompted to write by the last edition:

'What a great number 35! Don't ever leave us. How lovingly colour captures the old 'cowsheds'. But it was the first obit. which struck me most. I interviewed GLADYS ANSTEE and JOSIE WHITTERN last century for the KGS section of the *Kingswood Revisited* video. For technical reasons my footage fell to the cutting room floor, though I kept my original Hi 8 film.

'My half sister, JEAN ILES (37-41 (later GING)), wasn't born when they were such Jolly Hockeysticks. Her favourite sport was giggling in the back of BONEY BRITTON'S class with EILEEN WARNE - now sadly deceased (see obituary on page 4 - Ed) - who later paid him a kind of back-handed compliment by becoming best-selling Elizabeth Warne with Bristol-based books. Jean is a member of the *Boney Britton Appreciation Society* so you can guess what she thinks of the BYWATER book. (All the fuss must be good for sales though - I hope KOSA are on a percentage!).

'To end on a high, Ann and I have recently come back from a 'champagne flight' on the 'London Eye' to drown the sorrows of 50 years of marriage. An obliging steward captured ANNE (formerly COLES) (49-54) and me when we were high.'

The congratulations are due, not to KOSA NEWS, but to Brian and Ann on reaching their 50th years married. Photo on page 10.





### *A RESPONSE..!*

ROYSTON BYWATER (38-43) has now responded to the flak which his previous book extracts have generated over the past few editions. I publish below Roy's response largely unedited - Ed:

'I have been asked to respond; I sure threw the cat amongst the pigeons didn't I?

'To start I think you should all re-read my extract, as there are some blaring inaccuracies in your answers. I did not insult anyone; the few names that I had included were edited out by the Editor so as not to cause any embarrassment. They should certainly recognize themselves if they have any memory. There must be others with a similar experience but have not written or maybe don't even get the KOSA NEWS. The only thing I am sorry for is not knowing that the Major was actually a Major. But I certainly never insulted anyone, nor did I run the school down. It was strictly my own experience and I have no regrets about my time at KGS, in fact I thought it was a well-rounded education. I was never a member of the 'in crowd' always a loner and a bit of a rebel.

'Even the ex-Lord Mayor didn't read it right as I was there all during the war, not - 'the early years after the war'-. She also thinks I was a bore, well quite a few of my contemporaries went into banking, I mean how boring is that? I guess that's why they learnt to talk 'lah-de-dah' to impress the neighbours into thinking they have 'A Position'. I think boring people are the ones that get their backs up or get their knickers in a knot when someone comes up with a different view or idea than their set pattern. I worked a lot of years on experimental aircraft and was paid to think outside the box so still tend to do that. In other words I like to tell it like it is, or as it was in this case.

'I should write a few lines to the others who responded. - ALAN SCADDING (36-41), you most certainly have the wrong teacher, even a Yank couldn't brighten this one up.

'MERVYN LOVELL (36-44), - what the heck took 8 years to do at school? And I suppose if I had a love of Gilbert & Sullivan that would make me a 'gentleman'?

'Dear MURIEL HILL (34-37), you wrote quite a bit in reply to the first part and should re-read it. There were no slurs or anything bad said. Surely you heard of the 'Black Market'? If you had the money to spare, most things were available on





the 'BM'. I cannot see what you were 'incensed' about. Just because my experience was so different from yours? You should get out more.

'Surely there has to be someone out there that was squeezed around the neck then lifted off the ground by 'Kiber'? Don't say no one remembers a public whacking? On the stage in front the whole school. An 18 year old boy in the 6<sup>th</sup> form; his crime was messing about with girls on the school bus.

'TREVOR JONES (39-44), you didn't really want to run my story down did you? You just took the opportunity to get your own story published, you wrote as much as I did.



'I didn't expect to be recognised, as I never kept in touch with anyone. Any one that was in the Naval Cadets would know me as along with my good friend ROY BALSH, we were both leading seamen and ran the cadets. Roy went on into the Navy; unfortunately he passed away 25 years ago. This old photo (see above) was taken in 1944 in cadet uniform. In 2009 I'm still a sailor (see recent photograph right).

'I'm sorry I have no old school photos they were all lost along the way. What



surprises me is that no one mentions bullying which was such a big part of school. It's only in recent years with so many suicides that anything positive is being done.'

#### **LATIN - FROM FRANCE...**

WILSON BARRETT (48-55) usually drops a line to KOSA on receipt of each 'NEWS. This time he includes something which may be 'of anecdotal interest', as he put it:

'When KOSA NEWS reached me in Provence (I returned to Alsace in November), I was reading a novel by C J Sansom *Dark Fire* (ISBN 0-330-41197-7, first published in 2004). Chapter 27 starts: 'The House of Glass lay quiet and still in the morning heat. A servant in the Vaughan livery answered the door. I asked if I might see Lady Honor on an urgent matter of business and he admitted me, asking me to wait in the hall. Looking through a window into the inner courtyard, I saw the banqueting hall was shuttered against the heat. One of the panes had a family motto under the coat-of-arms. I bent to look closer. *Esse quam videri* – to be rather than to seem.'

Not quite the KGS motto (*Esse non videri* – to be not to seem), but almost. I like, however, the alternative translation – to be not to be seen.

The novel, which I can recommend, is set in London in 1540 during the reign of







COLE if you meet them. Hope you are enjoying the holidays.  
Kindest regards to your people.  
Olive Powell'

'The others referred to on the card are QUEENIE STONE and WINIFRED COLE. The postcard was sent to Alice's home at Court Farm (should that have been Lodge Farm?) and was then forwarded the day after to Alice in South-sea where she was on holiday. Things were so much more efficient then!'

The photograph (above) is of the Old Girls' Hockey Players of 1935 and ALICE WEBB is on the back row, second from the right.

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### *49ers REUNION...*

JOHN COLE (49-56) reports:  
'Sixty years on from when our year (the 49ers) started at KGS, our peer group celebrated the anniversary on 2 September 2009 at Kendleshire Golf Club, Coalpit Heath. Twenty-four 'originals' together with 15 spouses and friends attended an extended lunch-time buffet of reminiscences, catching up on news and banter.

'In brief addresses absent friends were remembered and the helpfulness of KO-SA acknowledged. There was warm agreement about the spirit of KGS as shown in the KEN POPE letter quotation (Ken was our Geography teacher and attended the 1999 year reunion):  
'KGS was a most happy school, especially being co-ed, and that our generation of the Fifties was one of the most fortunate of the post-war years'.

'Finally JOHN BREDDY (49-56) was warmly applauded for organising this very pleasant event. He, of course, also organised the 40th at Wick and is now exploring an informal 'annual' in 2010. So 49ers and associates, hope to see you there.'

In his report John Cole is giving the credit to John Breddy for a well-organised and enjoyable event. In fact both Johns are to be congratulated on their work.

As you can imagine, many photographs of the occasion were taken and just a few of them are shown on pages 14 and 15. - Ed.

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SOME 49ers...



Left: The organisers - John Cole and John Breddy  
Below: Peter Malpass, Brian Butler & Tony Venn



Left: Norma, Gibbons, Brenda Woodman, Carol Finch & Joyce Mizen

Right and clockwise: Richard Davies & Denley Perrett, June Hooper & Jeff Ford, Mervyn Powell, John Cullin & Terry Short





### DESERT ISLAND...

COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) was the guest on Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* on 25 October 2009, repeated on 30 October. He was described by Kirsty Young as 'a world-class planetary scientist' concerned with the Beagle2 expedition to Mars to determine whether conditions for the existence of life existed on the planet.

Colin described himself as the 'Eddie the Eagle of Science', although he described the loss of Beagle2 in a positive light – they are still searching for the spot where the probe landed. Colin is working towards a positive spin-off from the work in that a speedy diagnosis of TB may be found; some trials are to take place in Malawi in the near future. A later report in the Sunday Times Magazine of 27 December 2009 (see above, right) indicated that some progress has been made in that direction.

We learned from Colin that he ascribes his tenacity to his father – 'there's no such word as can't' and that he was keen on football at school, going in early in the mornings, playing at break, lunch-time and after school. 'If a ball was confiscated by the headmaster we played with a beer bottle top'. Whether this was at KGS we do not know, as Colin never mentioned the school.

Colin was bitten by the research bug as an undergraduate (at Swansea?) and went on the work for NASA in analysing the moon samples brought back by Apollo 11. These he brought down from London by train in a briefcase and when he got wind of the press awaiting his arrival at Temple Meads he got out at Bath and caught the bus to Bristol!

Sadly, Colin now suffers from MS and is now unable to run his farm, dig the garden or do any work of a physical kind – even plaster ceilings! His choices for the

desert island? The book Charles Chilton's *Journey into Space*, no less, and his luxury was a picture of the Clifton Suspension Bridge – Brunel was one of his heroes. He would have preferred *Jesus Christ – Superstar*, but this was disallowed in favour of The Bible.

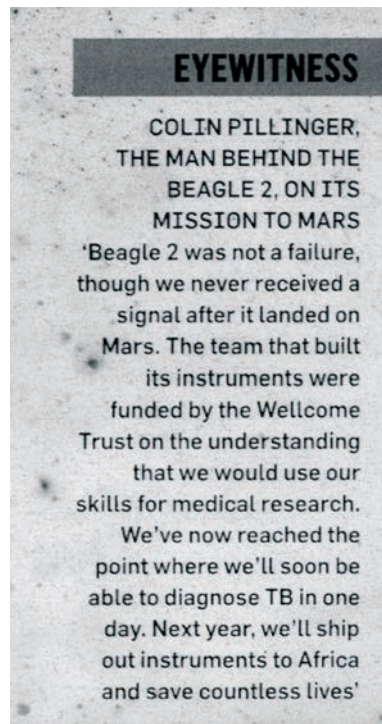
Colin's eight choices of music were:  
*A Little Less Conversation* – Elvis Presley  
*I'll String Along With You* – Al Bowly  
*Jerusalem* – Fat Les  
*Darling Be Home Soon* – Slade  
*If Today Was Your Last Day* – Nickleback  
*As Time Goes By* – Johnny Ray (\* his favourite)  
*Salt Of The Earth* – The Rolling Stones  
*The Dark is Rising* – Mercury Rev

Colin didn't mention KGS – he tells me that it was edited out - but at least he did choose *Jerusalem*. So all is forgiven! Altogether a great programme.

### MORE GUIDES...

HAZEL LISMORE (56-66) now Wilson was prompted to write in by HOWARD NOWELL'S (59-66) contribution in the last edition, along with the photo of 1L in 1960:

'He must have missed the article sent in by my friend LINDA WINTER about our era. I am in the photo, along with SA-







RAH CLOTWORTHY and VALERIE GAY. We have stayed in contact over the years and with Linda had our own mini reunion in 2008 - see photo above of Valerie, Hazel, Linda and Sarah.

'With reference to requests for information about the school Guide Company, I joined this in either 1959 or 1960. We used to meet in the Gym and I think the leader was a MRS BURDEN. I have two clear memories of being in the Guides. One was going on camp to Charmouth. We travelled there in the back of a furniture van. No worries about health and safety then! It was camping at its most basic. Latrines had to be dug and consisted of trenches with flimsy canvas sides. We were there for ten days and it rained for the first seven. I remember the absolute misery of cooking forty pieces of fried bread over a smoking fire with my eyes streaming. Our tents were of the small 'ridge' type and inevitably bedding etc. got wet when it touched the sides.

'On the eighth day, a Sunday, parents were allowed to visit and many of the girls gave up and went home. Those of us who stayed were rewarded with a few fine days and an exciting midnight feast on the beach. Such innocent pleasures in those days! However, I'm afraid that experience put me off camping for life!

'My second memory is of my patrol (Chaffinch) taking part in a competition which required us to dress up in saris made out of dyed sheets and perform an Indian dance. I can't remember the names of any of the other girls involved, but the photo is below - and I believe we won a prize.

'Another memory of my time at KGS is going skiing in Kitzbühl in 1963. Most of the party were from the year above but a few of us in

the fourth year were allowed to fill the empty places. After several weeks of leg exercises in the Gym we left England in the grip of one its severest winter snowfalls ever. We journeyed by boat and rail, dragging huge, heavy suitcases up and down station steps and arrived in Austria to find the nursery slopes barely covered in snow!



'I read with sadness of the premature death of MARILYN PRITCHARD (60-66). I have a picture of her in my album also, when six of us from various tutor groups went on a day trip to Weston. She had a smiling bubbly personality back then and lovely blonde curls. I admire her for turning the trauma of hair loss during her cancer treatment into something positive by founding *Headstart* support groups. My sympathy goes out to her family.





'Over the years I have come across many ex-KGS pupils in various situations. The school's influence is certainly still alive and kicking! Thank you editor and others involved in producing KOSA NEWS.'

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### QUERY SOLVED...

JUDITH GREENWOOD (57-64) has helped us identify the teachers in the photo in the last edition on page 16:

'I have just returned from a visit to my sister, ANNE LAZBURY (53-58) (now Ezzat) who is a member of KOSA. I enjoyed reading the magazine and think I can help with the two missing teachers next to STUART SYKES. The first is MR. LEIGH, a very committed and very good English teacher. I was at Kingswood from 57-64 and he was my 'A' level teacher for English Literature.

'Next to him is 'PONGO' HYATT. Needless to say he was a Chemistry teacher!

'Some time ago there was a request for the form photo of 2W 1959. I have a copy if it is still needed. MR. WATTS was the form master. (Thanks - copy now in archives - Ed

'Thank you for all the effort you put into the publications. I have in the past been involved with a local newspaper and therefore know how much work is involved.'

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### QUELLE VITESSE..!

DAVID KERSHAW (48-56) remembers an incident which involved MICHEL LAPADU, when the latter was a French *Assistant* at KGS in the 1950s:

'M. LAPADU had this Renault 750, a small 4-door, rear-engined car. Not many people had cars in those days, least of all French *Assistants*. He was

very proud of the car and wanted to show it off to us 6<sup>th</sup> formers, so we were taken for a short trip around the roads near KGS.

'His main aim was to show us how much faster it was than similar British cars of the day such as the Morris Minor or Austin A30. As we set off he accelerated hard and told us to see how quickly it got to 60, which would be sooner than the British cars. Indeed, it did get to 60 very quickly, but we never pointed out that his 60 was 60kph and not 60mph!'

Little did David know then that in later life he would be the owner of his very own Rolls Royce. The photo below shows David and friends when they drove to an earlier KOSA reunion in the Rolls. From left to right: The Rolls, DAVE KERSHAW, BRIAN FORTY (47-53), MIKE WHITEFORD (47-54), DEREK BAILEY (49-53) - Ed.



Another proud KOSA owner of no fewer than two Rolls Royces is MIKE COKAYNE (52-58). Any others?

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### MORE CHELLS...!

'JANET CHELL (56-63) now Matthews picked up on the comment and photo in the last edition. She writes:

'You mention in the Summer 2009 Edition of *KOSA NEWS* that the Chells were quite a KGS family. Very true –





there was another member of the family, my aunt, MARY CHELL, who was at KGS from 1922-29. She was the cousin of DOROTHY CHELL, whose photo appeared in the last edition on page 17, and went on to Bristol University and did an honours degree in French. She taught locally until her retirement in 1973 and she died in June 2002 – a short obituary appeared in *KOSA NEWS*.

'Mary is on both photos on pages 2 and 3 in the last edition. In the hockey team, 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left, back row and in the tennis team, standing on the right, behind ELSIE BIRTILL, who is also on the photo on page 17. In the *Kingswood Chronicles* the 1929 Tennis Team is summed up by the comment *'The official record of the team has not been wonderful up to the present, but there are signs of rapid improvement in the standard of play. The misfortune in matches is due in part to a lack of offensive tactics, partly to a common weakness on back-hand strokes. We are also not very fortunate in our courts. However, there is a keenness in the team which goes far to encourage us, and we have great hopes for the future after the victory over Fairfield.'*

Of Mary it opines:  
*'M. CHELL – Rather erratic underarm serve. Has quite a good forehand drive down the 'tramlines' but is slow in moving about the court.'*

'Maybe the Chells will now keep quiet and let someone else take centre stage!' writes Janet.

### AT LAST..!

After many promises, TONY DOWN (55-61) has finally put pen to paper:  
'I was interested to read ROBIN FIDKIN'S Ramblings (55-62) in the last issue of *KOSA NEWS* as it brought back memories of some outstanding sportsmen.

'I first met JIMMY MATTHEWS, also known by some as 'Stan' and 'Sid', when we both arrived at KGS in 1955. We were in Form 1H, our form-mistress being MISS HORSEMAN, along with VIC YEOMAN and one of your regular contributors, GORDON JACKSON. Jimmy was an excellent soccer player but I remember him mostly for his cricketing ability. He was indeed a precocious talent. I faced his bowling regularly during Class and House matches and the words 'fun' and 'pleasure' are not ones that spring readily to mind. Equally demoralizing was watching the ball fly back over my head when our roles were reversed. If he reads *KOSA NEWS*, I send him my very best wishes.

'I remember, too, playing Rugby with MARTIN MANN through all age groups right up to the School 1<sup>st</sup> XV. I played at fly half and it was reassuring to have such a powerful presence next to me in the centre. Martin's first love, however, was soccer and he was a fine player. Add in his ability as a cricketer and his prowess on the athletics field and you have an exceptional sportsman. In my view, he was the best all-rounder of my era.

'Below is a photograph taken after a soccer match, which includes both Robin Fidkin and Martin Mann:



Standing (l to r): Tony Down, Roger Caines, nk, Robin Fidkin, Martin Mann, John Roberts, Phil Dury





Kneeling (l to r): Ian Smith, 'Gabby' Hayes

'In the photo of the 58-Junior Cricket XI which Robin Fidkin sent in, Jimmy Matthews is sitting in the front row, second from the right and not standing third from the right as Rob described. The full line-up is:

back row (l to r): Martin Mann, Peter Hilton, Vic Yeoman, Phil Dury, Terry Abel, Geoff Cole, Mike Jones

Front row (l to r): Bob Davey, Rob Fidkin, Tony Down, Peter Stevens, Jimmy Matthews, Ron Scammel

'Like Rob, I was very keen on cross-country running whilst at KGS and remember the fierce competition between us in the annual cross-country run. However, whilst he has run the Bath marathon, these days I have trouble running the bath!

'If anyone wishes to get in touch, KOSA can supply my address and my phone number is 01225 874734. Being prehistoric, I do not own a computer and rely on parchment, quill pen and carrier pigeon. However, I recently passed an important milestone in my life when I finally mastered the electric toaster!'

### DISCOVERED...

As a result of the 49ers Reunion (see page 13) your Ed. was pleased to have discovered JOHN 'TUBBY' GRUBB (50-55), having played together in the scrum for Kingswood OB 3rds long ago.

John arrived at KGS from Woodstock School having failed the 11+ on the first occasion. He also failed the oral on the second occasion, but his father remonstrated with Headmaster C N RIDLEY and he was eventually allowed in. John progressed at KGS from 1D to 2D then 3C, 4B and 5 Oxford.

The photo (below) shows 5 Oxford in 1954. John explains that this was an experiment as the first year in which KGS broke away from the 'O' levels set by Bristol University to those set by Oxford University. John is in the back row, 2nd from the left.

John remembers that in those days it was possible to tour the Swindon Works of British Railways on Wednesday afternoons and being a train spotter he took his Maths 'O' level exam in the morning and borrowed JOHN STUBBS' bike to cycle to Swindon for the afternoon to tour the works. In comparing some of his answers there with boys who had taken





the same exam from other schools he reckoned that he had passed – which he had, of course!

As a result of the 'O' level results John received the form prize, which was presented at Speech Day in 1954 by SIR BERNARD LOVELL (24-31?).

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### *KOSA'S BIRTHDAY...*



At the 2009 October Lunch we cut the cake to celebrate KOSA's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was in October 1984 that some of us got together and arranged a KOSA dinner at Kingswood Community Centre to re-launch KOSA. About 190 people attended that one which, because we had no database to go on, was arranged by the production of a form which was sent to some known ex-KGS folk with the instructions to copy and pass on.

In reality KOSA has existed from the 1920s. The first mention of KOSA was in the *Kingswood Chronicles* of July 1926 and by July 1927 MAJOR EATON is mentioned as President with ten vice-presidents, all staff, and 58 members. In those days KOSA had clubs for Football, Dramatics, Cricket and Dancing. However, KOSA virtually ceased to exist by the 1980s, having been superseded by the Eatonian Society for those who were at the school during Major Eaton's regime.

It was realised that it would make sense to have one association to cover all the periods of KGS' existence and the funds made by KOSA from the reunions of 1984 and 1985 were added to the Eatonian Society's balances to fund the current KOSA.

At a reunion at the current school on 19 April 1991 we invited those present (over 340) to contribute funds by taking part in a raffle to start a KOSA magazine. From those funds the first 8 page edition, called *Kingswood Newsletter*, was produced in Spring 1992, followed by *The Blue & Brown Newsletter* a year later. Since then we have produced *KOSA NEWS* at least twice per annum and have now settled on 28 pages per edition. We have over 1,100 members on our list.

Your Committee feels that we should now move to the next phase and incorporate scholars/pupils/students from Kingsfield School, KGS' successor. For this reason we would welcome these to be added to our membership.

The cake, (photo on the front page), was cut by EILEEN MATTHEWS (52-59) (now Bendrey) and your editor, at the invitation of Chairman STAN BURRAGE (51-56). (See photo left).

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### *DAVID DREW MP...*

DAVID DREW (63-70?), the MP for the Stroud Area, was invited to come to the last Autumn Lunch by our Chairman, STAN BURRAGE (51-56), after Stan and his wife RITA RAYNER (53-59) had toured the Palace of Westminster earlier in 2009.

David gave a brief, non-political, talk between courses as he has to rush back to Stroud for another meeting. Such is the hectic lifestyle of our representatives in the Mother of Parliaments.





David is well-liked in his area and has been very active for the past 13 years in an extremely varied constituency, which ranges from Gloucester to Dursley and the Cotswolds. He told us that he sees our other ex-KGS MP, JANET ANDERSON, in the corridors from time to time, but never lets on that he also went to KGS!

He stressed that far from being split socially along party lines, he has many friends from across the parties, not just in the Labour Party. Ex-MP Tony Benn is also a friend of his.

David admitted that his good education received from KGS enabled him to address such gatherings as ours 'off the cuff' for any time slot required to be filled – an important attribute for an MP! He valued his time at KGS.

We thank David for giving up his time and we hope that he will be able to attend again and perhaps stay longer.

#### ...JANET ANDERSON MP...

Not forgetting that our other ex-KGS MP, JANET ANDERSON (61-?), who is currently the Member of Parliament for Rosendale & Darwen.

Janet was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and attended Trowbridge Girls High School as well as KGS. For this reason, we're not sure of Janet's years at KGS - perhaps someone could let us know.

After spells at the University of Westminster and Nantes reading languages and business studies Janet entered Parliament in 1992 as PPS to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Margaret Becket. She later became Shadow Minister for Women.

In the Labour Government she was Minister for Tourism, Film & Broadcasting from 1998-2001, but latterly has been a

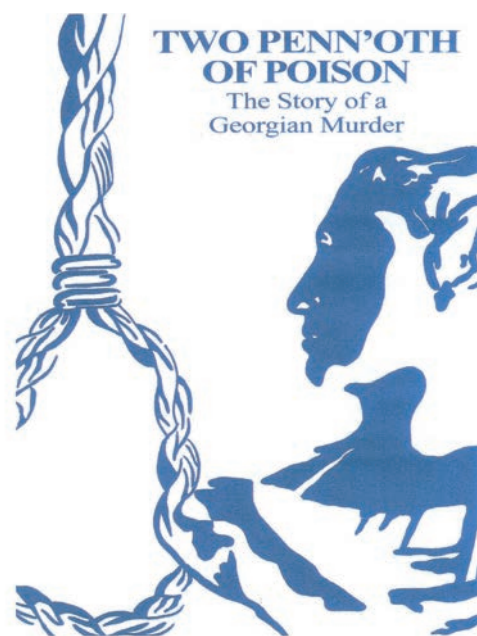
backbencher. She has three grown-up children.

#### ANOTHER AUTHOR...

PENNY ENGLAND (59-64), (now Deverill) has written a fascinating book based on the true story of a family murder. Her Gt Gt Gt Uncle was poisoned by his wife in 1820 when the couple lived in Bitton and Oldland. It appears that she obtained the poison from a shop on Kingswood Hill and, strangely enough, although found guilty at Gloucester Assizes, she is buried in consecrated ground in Bitton Churchyard.

The book, *Two Penno'th of Poison* has been researched, written and financed by Penny Deverill. It costs £7.99 from Oldland and Warmley Post Offices, Avon Valley Railway, Bitton, Family Books at Keynsham, Thornbury Book Shop, Harlequin Books at Staple Hill and at Kingswood Heritage Museum, Warmley. Copies can also be obtained directly from Penny on 0117 9493724 but plus £1 towards postage.

And BONEY BRITTON (English) once told her father that Penny was incapable of putting three words together and making a sentence...!



Written and Researched by Penny Deverill





*INTERLAKEN - APRIL 1957...*

JILL BOWSER (50-57) (now Stockwell) has provided these personal photos:  
Photos clockwise: Hotel *Krone*, Miss Jacqueline Horseman (Latin & History), Mr Jarvis (Senior Master, German & French), Beryl Beard, Rosalind Cameron and Jill Bowser, Derek Sheppard, Charlie Painter, Dave Hussey, ?, Colin Ticktum, ?, Vic Jordan, Dave Feltham and Keith Jay, Eileen Matthews.





### *OXBRIDGE - JULY 1952...*

A coachload of sixth formers left KGS on a three day visit to Oxford and Cambridge Universities on 16 July 1952. The group was led by MISS DAVID (Latin), who had contacts at Oxford, and Mr PEET (Maths), who went to St Catherine's, Cambridge.



The photograph (above), supplied by ANN MORRIS (46-53) (now Souter), features some of the group sitting by the Cherwell just by St Hilda's, Oxford.

Ann herself is on the right and ROSEMARY MORRIS is second from the left. Can anyone identify any of the others?

### *KGS AT 6 YEARS OLD..?*

LINDA YEOMAN (53-59) (now Reeves) has sent some interesting photos to KO-SA. The one below shows Linda on the left winning the Visitors' Race, presumably at a Sports Day, in 1948 at the age of six.



As Linda is from a large family who went to KGS, it's probable that she was attending Sports Day with her older sisters. However, a Visitors' Race was previously unknown to your Ed.

### *HALF A PHOTO...*

Linda has also sent in a half-photo of a French play which she thinks was put on at a School Open Day, possibly in her 4th year, which would have been 1956 or 1957.

She has no idea why it is only half a photo and wonders whether anyone has the full shot. The ones identified are: Standing: Georgina Lawson, Margaret Benson (with bell), Janet Jenkins, Angela Ashley, Carolyn Whiteside, Linda Yeoman and Roy or Roger Ellis.

Sitting: Judy Tucker, 'Tweedy' Harris and Ian Hull.



The form photograph on page 25 is Linda's first year at KGS - Form 1A. The form teacher is MISS WATTERS, who taught English.

Back row: Roy Hubbard, Roy or Roger Ellis, David Gifford, Roger Holder, Mike Wallington, Geoffrey Chalk, Keith Evans, Colin Lovell.







2nd row: 'Tweedy' Harris, Peter Badams, Dixon, David Ewins, Alan Gage, Josh Wilcox, Jimmy Brokenbrow.

3rd row: Pat Long, Janet Jenkins, Carolyn Whiteside, Georgina Lawson, Kate Aberly, Jacqueline Smith, Peta Nightingale, Wendy Skene, Anne Vizon, Sandra Allen, Wendy Huggins, Pat Stevens, Hilary Whitlock.

Front row: Janice Iles, Judy Tucker, Andrea White, Colin Coombes, Miss Waters, Elizabeth Hilling, Linda Yeoman, Angela Ashley, Margaret Benson.

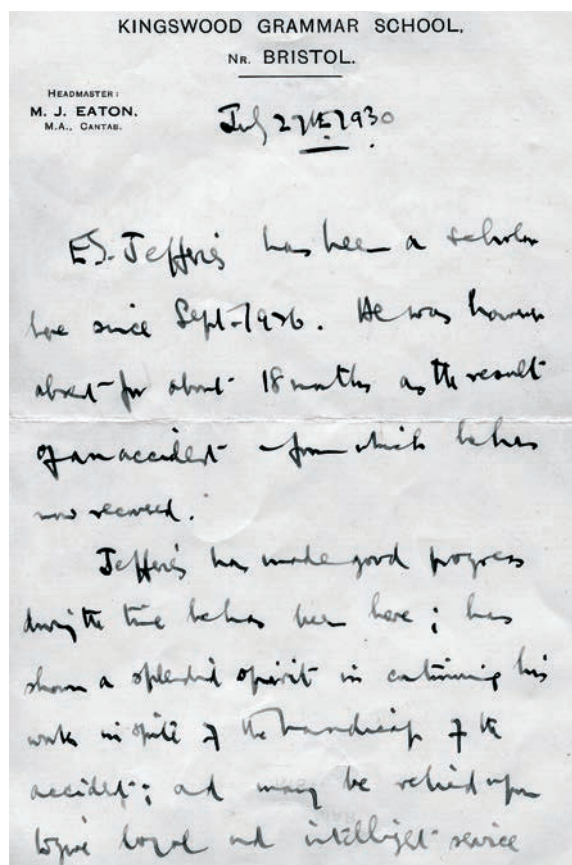
### KEN'S DAD...

KEN JEFFERIES (53-60) remembers his father, who was also at the school: 'Kingswood Secondary School was opened in 1921 and I understood that my father, ERNEST GEORGE JEFFERIES, who was born in 1915, was at the school from 1926 until 1930, when he started work in the Adlams Foundry as an office boy. There were no female typists in those days and Dad had learnt Pitman's Shorthand at KGS.

'My father learnt to type but whether this was as part of the Pitman's Shorthand course at KGS or at Adlams, as office junior at a night school course, I do not

know. Dad knew the importance of touch-typing not having to look at the keyboard to press the correct keys.

'My father married AMY FLORENCE ROSINA WARREN on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1938 when he was 23 years old. He died on 2 February 1992 aged 76 years.'





The letter's first page only is shown on page 25, but the whole of MAJOR EATON'S 'reference' for Ernest is as follows:

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1930

*E G Jefferies has been a scholar here since Sept 1926. He was however absent for about 18 months as the result of an accident from which he has now recovered.*

*Jefferies has made good progress during the time he has been here; has shown a splendid spirit in continuing his work in spite of the handicap after the accident; and may be relied upon to give loyal and intelligent service in any employment that may suit him.*

*Jefferies was 15 years last April. He has passed the Pitman's Shorthand Certificate Examination this year.*

*M J Eaton*

We have several references in the archives from Major Eaton's times and many were written personally in his own handwriting. A different age!

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### A SMALL REUNION...



JOHN BRYANT (44-52) has forwarded to KOSA details of a small reunion which took place last September at the Berry Head Hotel, Brixham, in darkest Devon. The photo (above) shows DAVID

BEARD (44-52), John himself, ALAN TANNER (44-48) and PETER MYERS (48-52).

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### AN APPEAL...

MIKE KENDRICK, who is Director of Post 16 (formerly Head of the Sixth Form) at Kingsfield School, is leading a 2-week expedition of 14 students to Kenya next July. The plan is to run workshops at the schools there.

The trip is priced in US\$ and the cost has increased by over 10% because of the credit-crunch and the fall in £-sterling. The costs have increased by about £2,800 or £200 per student.

Mike has approached local businesses for support to no avail and he wonders whether KOSA could help. We promised that we would put it to the members and invite them to contribute if they would wish to do so.

Our Treasurer will accept donations on behalf of the expedition. Please make them payable to 'KOSA', as usual, but make clear that they are for the 'Kenya Expedition Appeal' and KOSA will pass them onto the school. Thanks.

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### A KGS COUPLE...

A note has been received from SYLVIA HOOK and DAVID 'ROY' WOTTON (46-51) who joined KOSA about 2 years ago.

Roy went to Bristol University after KGS and went into aeronautics when he joined Fairey Aviation, in Hayes, Middlesex. They were later married.

We have some interesting photos sent in by Sylvia and Roy, one being a mock up of the *Brabazon* aircraft in BUNNY AUSTEN'S Physics Lab in 1951. Portent of the future? More next time.

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## LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER...



TONY VENN'S (49-54) photos of summer antics in 1954. Above left, in a field somewhere, Mary Hamson, Tony Venn, Marlene Bateman, Max Saunders, Diane Bosomworth and Bernice Brown. Above right: On the bridge (over Warmley Brook?) Douglas Jobling, David Britton, Tony Vowles and John Stubbs hold onto Colin Clarke. Did they drop him? Right: A photo taken by PHYLLIS HANKS in 1956 of June Collins, Maureen Wallington, Deanna Martin and Jill Thomas.



Were summers different then?

## KOSA MATTERS...

### WELCOME TO:

New members since the last edition, using maiden names for the ladies:  
Carol Finch (49-54), John Grubb(49-54), Terry Ollis (49-53), Linda Small (75-81), Diane Phipps (51-56), Sylvia Pillinger (46-51), Alice Webb (30-35), Eileen Reeves (46-51), Judith Lasbury (57-64)

We welcome all those who have joined us and welcome, too, their contributions in keeping the memory of KGS alive. If you know someone who might like to receive KOSA NEWS just send us their details and we will do the rest.

## THANKS...

Our thanks to all those who have sent in donations to KOSA. On the grounds of cost we do not acknowledge individual contributions but nevertheless they are very much appreciated. Our Accounts for the year are enclosed with the insert and will be presented as audited at the AGM on 10 APRIL 2010.

## ...AND FINALLY...

Our first experience of the School would have been, for all of us, the entry to the School through the respective gates. On page 28 is shown the girls' entrance (top), with the stone buildings of the Music and Woodwork rooms (1950s) on the right. The boys' entrance shows the male staff room on the left and the boys' cloakroom on the right. Both photos taken about 1973, several years after KGS had become Kingsfield School.



